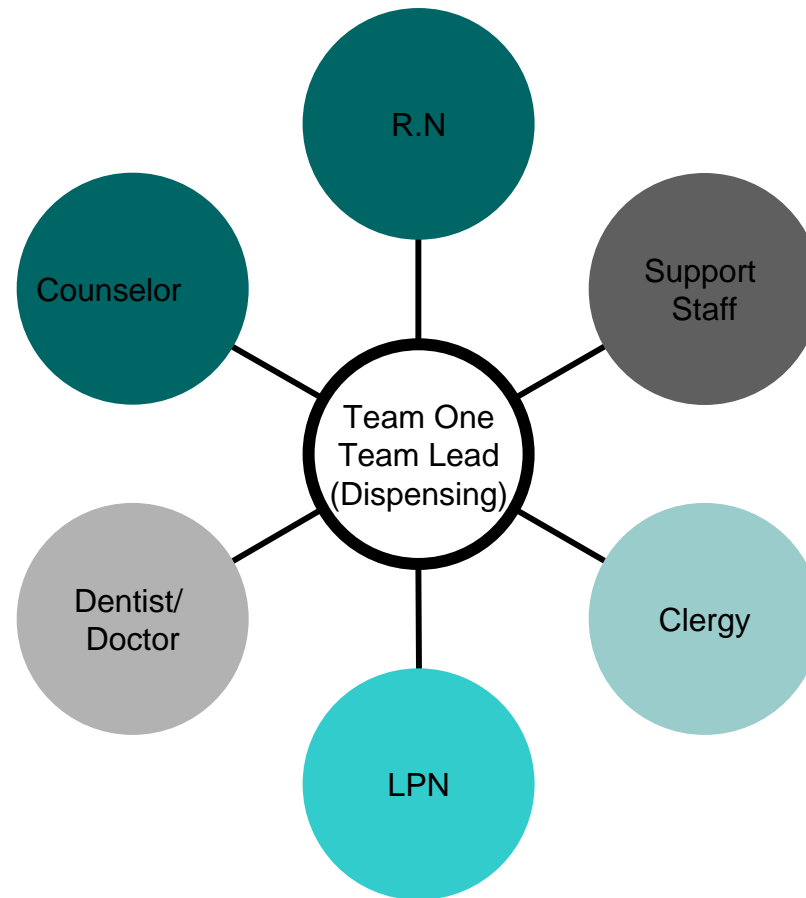


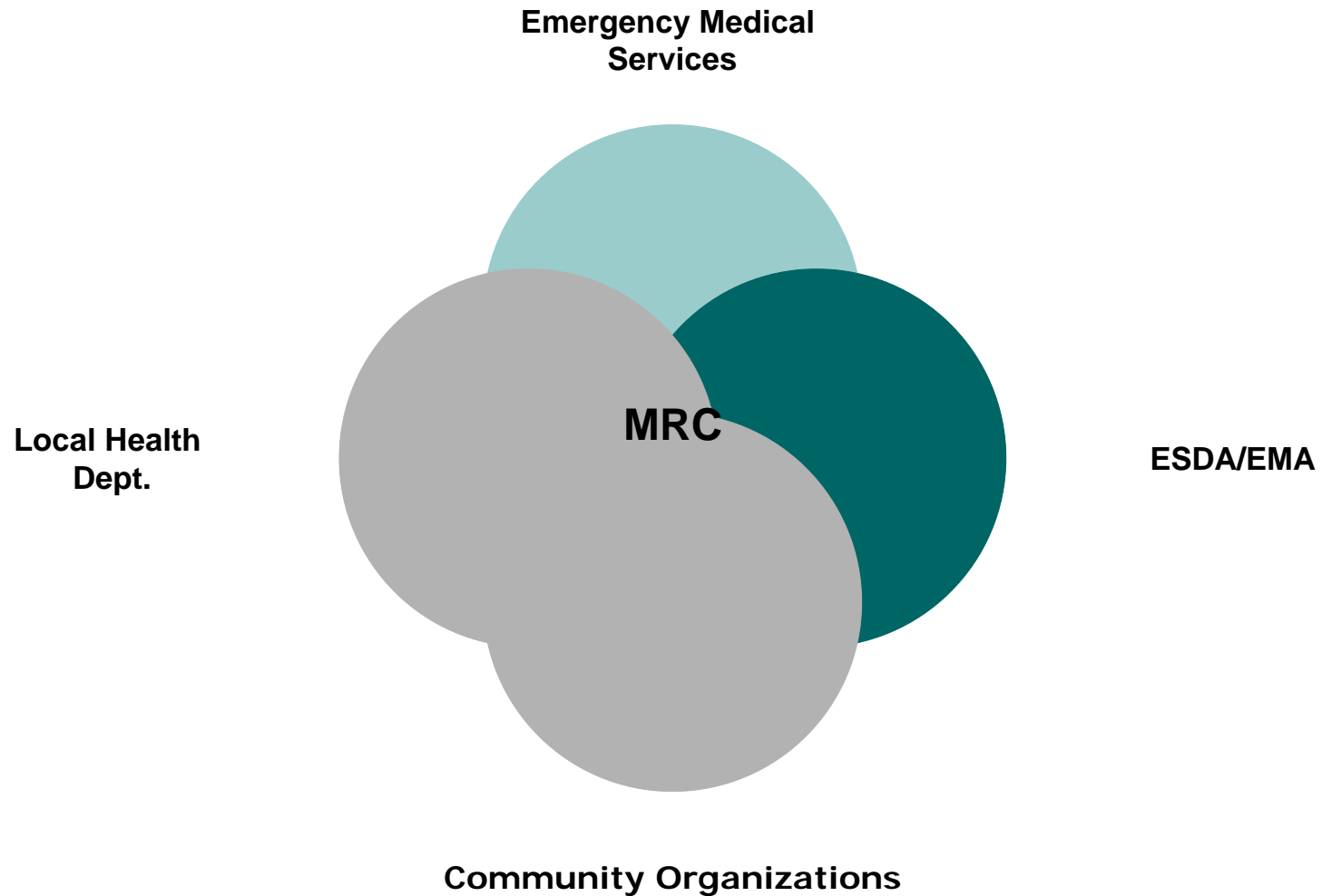


INTEGRATION AND COLLABORATION: PARTNERING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Integrated Team Structure



Integrated MRC Structure





Benefits of Partnering With Local Health Dept.

- Potential source of funds
- Integration in Strategic National Stockpile Plans
- Training Opportunities
- Real life opportunities (i.e. immunization and flu clinics, public health outreach, etc)
- May be best option for sustainable staff and funding



Where to Begin with LHD

- SNS Plan
- Community/Public Health Nursing Program



SNS Plan

- MRC staff provides surge capacity
- Provides trained leadership
- Already background checked
- Mutually beneficial training opportunities



Community/ Public Health Nursing Program

- Immunization Clinics
- Flu Clinics
- Public Health Education
- Health Dept. staffing assistance



Benefits of Partnering With ESDA/EMA

- Some liability during declared disasters
- Worker's comp
- Training opportunities
- Working within existing disaster plans
- Have been utilizing volunteers for years



Where to Begin With ESDA/EMA

- Emergency Operating Plan
- Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs)
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)



County Wide Emergency Operating Plans: Why?

- Large scale training opportunities
- Train and work with existing services and agencies
- Become a valuable part of emergency response plan
- Name recognition



County Wide Emergency Operating Plans: What to Do

- Contact local ESDA Director ASAP
- Get on-book with existing plans
- Try to fill an existing need within plan (volunteers, surge capacity, spontaneous volunteers liaison)



Local Emergency Planning Committees : Why?

- Work with a variety of Emergency Disaster Personnel
- Involvement in Disaster Plans firsthand
- Name recognition
- Some LEPCs are Citizen Corps Councils



Community Emergency Response Teams: Why?

- Sister program
- Unique cross-training opportunity
- Chance to strengthen volunteer programs (presents a united front)
- Opportunity for both teams to work together in training (strengthens disaster preparedness bond)
- Great opportunity for non-medical volunteers to participate/train



LEPC and CERT: What to Do?

- Ask ESDA/EMA Coordinator about programs
- Ask to be on LEPC
- Check Citizen's Corps Council about CERT
- Speak with CERT trainers about cross training MRC
- Become a CERT trainer if no CERT is available in area



Benefits of Partnering with EMS

- Advantage of experienced emergency response (learning tool)
- Work within the system of emergency response
- Ability to train and be recognized by existing EMS services
- Create another avenue for everyone to be working off of the “same page”



How to get involved with EMS

- Volunteer for firefighter rehab duties
- Offer assistance at community events
- Partner to provide education at schools (re: fire safety week, first aid, etc.)
- Provide other secondary services during an emergency (i.e. child care for volunteer EMS)
- Open a dialogue for cross training for preparedness of large scale events



Other **Agency** Partners: The Example of a Mental Health Department

- Provide a needed disaster relief service
- Flexibility during said disaster
- Worked into a structure and protocol
- Easily credentialed and background checked
- Provide a office that is not otherwise obligated during a real disaster



Benefits of Partnering with Other Agencies

- Unique opportunities for partnering
- New training opportunities
- Another level of interdependence
- New potential pool of membership



Benefits of Partnering with Other Groups/ Organizations

- Recognition, recognition, recognition!
- Lots of service opportunities
- Chance for recruiting new members
- Great place to get volunteers for disaster drills to act as victims!
- Potential for private donation of funding



Potential Partners

- Churches
- Volunteer Organizations (Red Cross, RSVP, Volunteer Firefighters Assoc.)
- Service Organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Club)
- Community Organizations (MOPS, Chamber of Commerce, Festival Committees)



Examples of Potential Partner Events

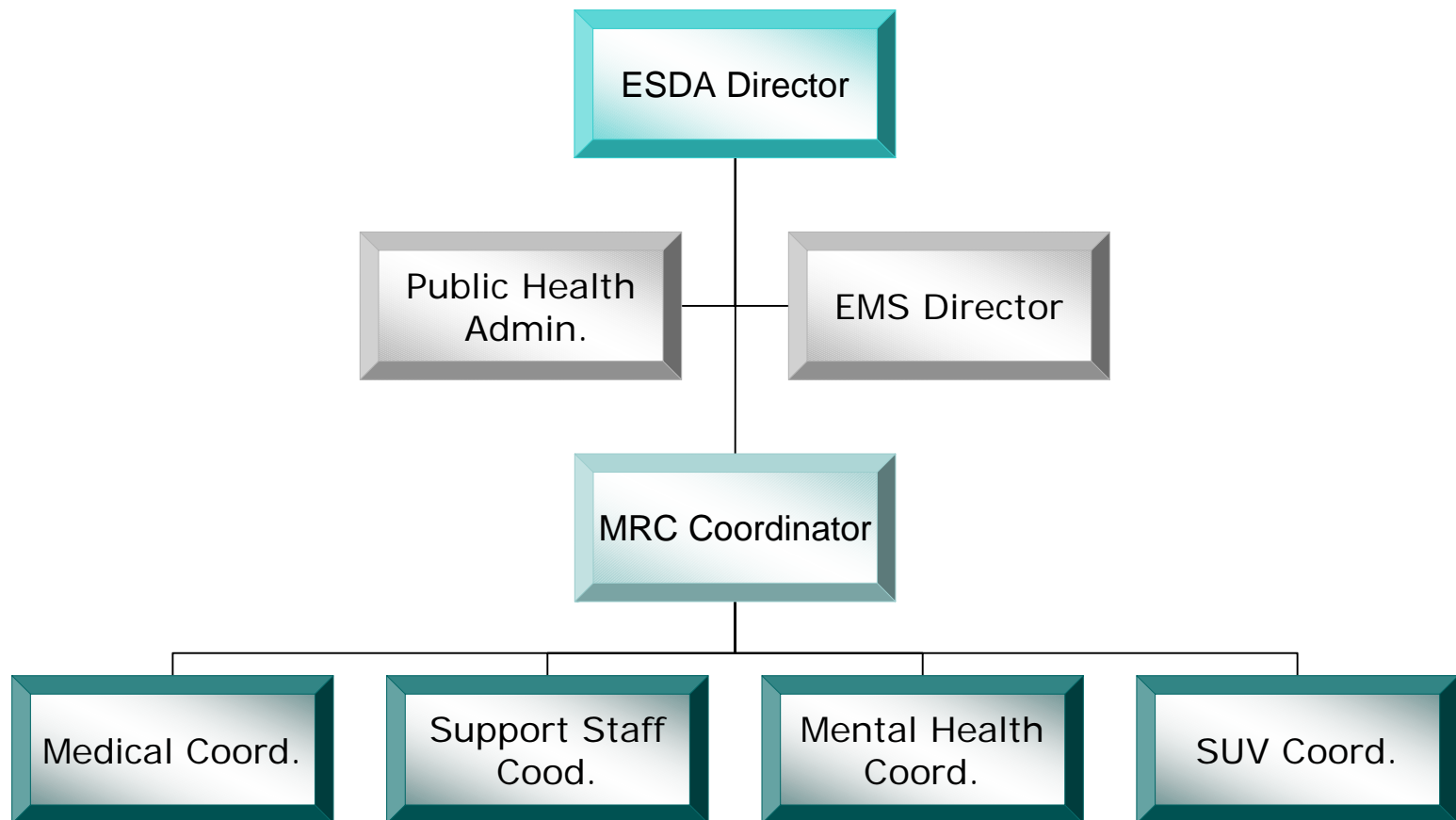
- Church Events (revivals, Vacation Bible School)
- Festivals
- Parades
- Community Events (i.e. public concerts, charity walks/runs, etc.)
- Closed events (scout camp, conferences, lectures)



How does this kind of integration help my MRC stay alive?

- Funding
- Dependence/ interdependence
- Happier volunteer base
- Credibility
- Expectation by the public
- Fulfilling an existing need by EMS and Emergency Preparedness folk

How does this integrated model really look?



Questions?

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